

HOUSE BILL 123

By Baum

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;
Title 40; Title 48 and Title 62, relative to bail.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-118(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) The clerk of the court shall not accept a cash bail deposit presented by a charitable bail organization on behalf of a defendant. As used in this subdivision (a)(3), "charitable bail organization" means a person or entity that solicits donations from the public for the purpose of depositing money with a court in the amount of a defendant's bail bond, but does not include:

(A) A person soliciting donations with respect to a defendant who is related to the person by blood, marriage, or adoption; or

(B) A nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of religious worship.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.